

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The pending claims in this application are 1-18, 32-53, 67-71, 74, 117, and 118, with Claims 1, 32, 36, 67, 71, and 74 being independent.

Claims 1, 32, 36, 67, 71 and 74 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

All pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,708,806 ("DeRose").

In the response to Applicant's previously filed arguments, the Office Action did not give the recitation "... a description of a resource being separate from the resource ..." patentable weight because the recitation occurred in the preamble of the claims.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with this interpretation of the claims. Nonetheless, the independent claims have been amended to better feature the resource being separate from the description of the resource.

As an example, independent Claim 1 now recites, among other features, that descriptions of electronically-accessible resources (i) have descriptor components having attributes representative of access to the resources, (ii) are separate from the resources and (iii) have links to corresponding electronically-accessible resources.

This feature of the present invention provides the advantage that the user may determine, from browsing the description, whether he or she is interested in the resource, before the resource is actually fetched. The arrangement of the present invention

also provides the advantage that the description and the resource may be amended independently of each other.

DeRose relates to a data processing system and method for generating a representation for and for representing electronically published structured documents. DeRose is used with an electronic document having a descriptive markup. However, the patent teaches that the electronic document includes the descriptive markup (see, for example, col. 7 lines 61-67). It is submitted that DeRose does not disclose or suggest at least the feature that a description of a resource is separate from the resource.

For at least this reason, it is submitted that Claim 1 patentably defines the present invention over the cited art.

Claims 36 and 71 are, respectively, an apparatus and computer readable medium claim corresponding to Claim 1. For at least the reasons given with regard to Claim 1, it is submitted that Claims 36 and 71 are patentable in light of DeRose.

Claim 32 recites, among other features, reading the description of a resource, the description being separate from the resource. As discussed above, it is submitted that the feature that the description is separate from the resource is not taught or suggested by DeRose and, for at least this reason, Claim 32 is patentable in light of DeRose.

Claims 67 and 74 are, respectively, an apparatus and a computer readable medium claim corresponding to Claim 32. For at least the reasons discussed above, it is submitted that independent Claims 67 and 74 are patentable in light of DeRose.

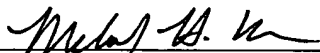
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citation of record. Applicant submits that the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons that the base claims from which they depend are allowable, and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are earnestly solicited.

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